

Non-Fatal Strangulation Cases

Acts of strangulation may not be immediately apparent when arriving at a scene. Capturing the medical evidence is essential to investigating these crimes. Understanding the significance of the medical evidence and how to present it to a jury is key to holding offenders accountable. This presentation will include the perspective of both law enforcement and prosecution regarding best practices on investigating and prosecuting non-fatal strangulation cases.



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Joshua Clark began his career as a prosecuting attorney in 2010 with the Gila County Attorney's Office where he handled juvenile adjudications and felony trials. In 2013 he began working at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he has handled felony and misdemeanor offenses ranging from assault to first-degree murder. Joshua has been in the Family Violence Bureau for over six years and is now the Bureau Chief of Family Violence East. Before becoming Bureau Chief, he handled primarily homicides, child homicides, and serious child abuse cases. Joshua has reviewed hundreds of strangulation submittals and has obtained guilty verdicts in numerous strangulation trials.

Dan Rincon is a 30-year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department (Arizona) and earned a Master's in Criminal Justice Degree from Arizona State University. Previous to his career in law enforcement, Dan served in the United States Navy for four years (1985-1989) and the Arizona Department of Corrections for two years (1989-1991). Dan holds the rank of Police Lieutenant and was the Domestic Violence Unit supervisor for over five years. He has served on the East Valley Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (Phoenix Metropolitan Area), currently serves as a faculty member for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention (Alliance for HOPE International – San Diego) and has been a commissioner since 2012 on Arizona's Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women for both past Governor Jan Brewer and current Governor Doug Ducey. Lieutenant Rincon's investigative experience includes investigating and supervising a broad range of criminal acts that include are but not limited to murder, robbery, sexual assault, major assaults, domestic violence, child abuse and gang-related crimes. As part of the Scottsdale Police Department's management team, Lieutenant Rincon has served in the Investigative Service Bureau, Uniformed Service Bureau, Training Unit, Detention Unit and the Office of the Chief of Police.

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